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To provide grants to local educational agencies to provide financial assistance to elementary and secondary schools for obtaining computer software for multilingual education, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BACA (for himself, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To provide grants to local educational agencies to provide financial assistance to elementary and secondary schools for obtaining computer software for multilingual education, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Multilingual Education
5 and Technological Advancement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR MULTI-**
2 **LINGUAL EDUCATION.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the avail-
4 ability of appropriations, the Secretary of Education may
5 award grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational
6 agencies to provide financial assistance to elementary and
7 secondary schools for obtaining computer software for
8 multilingual education.

9 (b) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under sub-
10 section (a), the Secretary shall give preference to local
11 educational agencies that serve an elementary or sec-
12 ondary school in which—

13 (1) a majority of the students are from families
14 with incomes below the poverty line, as defined by
15 the Office of Management and Budget and in effect
16 under section 673(2) of the Community Services
17 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)); or

18 (2) there is a high concentration of students
19 with low levels of English proficiency.

20 (c) ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.—A grant under this section
21 may be used to provide financial assistance only to an ele-
22 mentary or secondary school that meets the criteria of
23 paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b).

24 (d) STUDY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
2 an annual study of the effectiveness of the grant
3 program under this section.

4 (2) REPORT.—By the end of each fiscal year
5 for which appropriations to carry out this Act are
6 available, the Secretary shall transmit to the Con-
7 gress a report that includes the following:

8 (A) Findings on the effectiveness of this
9 grant program, including the effectiveness of
10 the computer software.

11 (B) Recommendations for improving this
12 grant program.

13 (e) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under subsection
14 (a), a local educational agency shall submit an application
15 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
16 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for
19 grants under this section \$80,000,000 for fiscal years
20 2002 through 2006.

21 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR COMPUTERS.**

22 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the avail-
23 ability of appropriations, the Secretary of Education may
24 award grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational

1 agencies to provide financial assistance to elementary and
2 secondary schools for obtaining computers.

3 (b) MANDATORY GRANTS.—The Secretary shall
4 award a grant under subsection (a) to any local edu-
5 cational agency that—

6 (1) submits an application under subsection (c);

7 and

8 (2) serves elementary or secondary schools in
9 which, cumulatively, a majority of the students are
10 from families with incomes below the poverty line, as
11 defined by the Office of Management and Budget
12 and in effect under section 673(2) of the Community
13 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

14 (c) ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.—A grant under this section
15 may be used to provide financial assistance only to an ele-
16 mentary or secondary school in which—

17 (1) a majority of students are from families
18 with incomes below the poverty line, as defined by
19 the Office of Management and Budget and in effect
20 under section 673(2) of the Community Services
21 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)); or

22 (2) there are fewer computers than the greater
23 of—

24 (A) 6 computers; or

1 (B) a number of computers for that type
2 school established by the Secretary by a regula-
3 tion under this paragraph.

4 (d) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under this sec-
5 tion, a local educational agency shall submit an application
6 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
7 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for
10 grants under this section \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal
11 years 2002 through 2006.

12 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND MULTI-**
13 **LINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
15 propriations, the Secretaries may make grants to eligible
16 partnerships to pay the Federal share of the cost of estab-
17 lishing and carrying out—

18 (1) information technology training programs
19 for former participants in information technology
20 training programs who have not received information
21 technology certification, minorities, women, older in-
22 dividuals, veterans, Native Americans, and dis-
23 located workers; and

24 (2) multilingual education programs.

1 (b) PARTNERSHIPS.—To be an eligible partnership
2 under subsection (a), a partnership shall consist of—

3 (1) an institution of higher education; and

4 (2) a private organization, such as a certified
5 commercial information technology training provider
6 or an information technology trade or professional
7 association.

8 (c) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under subsection
9 (a), an eligible partnership shall submit an application to
10 the Secretaries at such time, in such manner, and con-
11 taining such information as the Secretaries may require.

12 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
14 cost described in subsection (a) shall be 50 percent.

15 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
16 share of the cost shall be provided in cash or in
17 kind, fairly evaluated by the Secretaries, and may
18 include plant, equipment, or services.

19 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretaries to
21 carry out this section \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2002
22 and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent
23 fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 5. BONUS GRANTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

2 **CERTIFICATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
4 propriations, the Secretary of Education may make grants
5 to local educational agencies to assist such agencies in
6 awarding bonuses to teachers who achieve information
7 technology certification.

8 (b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The amount of a
9 grant to a local educational agency under subsection (a)
10 shall not exceed the product determined by multiplying
11 \$5,000 by the number of teachers described pursuant to
12 subsection (c)(2) in the application for the grant.

13 (c) APPLICATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this
15 section, a local educational agency shall submit an
16 application to the Secretary at such time, in such
17 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
18 retary may require.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—The application shall include
20 information describing the number of teachers em-
21 ployed by the local educational agency who—

22 (A) have achieved information technology
23 certification, including such certification for in-
24 tegrating information technology into the class-
25 room or a curriculum; and

1 (B) have not previously received a bonus
2 under this section.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Edu-
5 cation to carry out this section \$120,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

7 **SEC. 6. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHER TRAINING.**

8 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the avail-
9 ability of appropriations, the Secretary of Education may
10 award grants, on a competitive basis, to institutions of
11 higher education to provide scholarships to any eligible
12 student.

13 (b) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—For purposes of this sec-
14 tion, the term “eligible student” means a student who—

15 (1) is preparing to enter the teaching work-
16 force; and

17 (2) meets the criteria established under sub-
18 section (c).

19 (c) CRITERIA.—For purposes of subsection (b)(2),
20 the Secretary shall establish criteria that require a student
21 to obtain both technological and multilingual education.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
24 out this section \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and

1 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 suc-
2 ceeding fiscal years.

3 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL INFORMATION
6 TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROVIDER.—The term “cer-
7 tified commercial information technology training
8 provider” means a private sector provider of edu-
9 cational products and services utilized for training in
10 information technology that is certified by 1 or more
11 software publishers or hardware manufacturers (the
12 products of which are the subject of the training)
13 with respect to—

14 (A) the curriculum that is used for the
15 training; or

16 (B) the technical knowledge of the instruc-
17 tors of such provider.

18 (2) DISLOCATED WORKER.—The term “dis-
19 located worker” has the meaning given the term in
20 section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of
21 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801).

22 (3) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.—The term “elemen-
23 tary school” has the meaning given the term in sec-
24 tion 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
25 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

1 (4) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CERTIFI-
2 CATION.—The term “information technology certifi-
3 cation” means certification in information tech-
4 nology, in accordance with such standards as—

5 (A)(i) the Computing Technology Industry
6 Association or the Information Technology
7 Training Association may issue, after consulta-
8 tion with chief education officers of States,
9 State boards, entities that certify or license
10 teachers, and other entities affected by the
11 standards; or

12 (ii) a State board or entity that certifies or
13 licenses teachers may issue, after consultation
14 with chief education officers of States, and
15 other entities affected by the standards; and

16 (B) the Secretaries may approve.

17 (5) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PRO-
18 GRAM.—The term “information technology training
19 program” means a program for the training of—

20 (A) computer programmers, systems ana-
21 lysts, and computer scientists or engineers (as
22 such occupations are defined by the Bureau of
23 Labor Statistics); and

24 (B) persons for such other occupations as
25 are determined to be appropriate by the Secre-

1 taries, after consultation with a working group
2 broadly solicited by the Secretaries and open to
3 all interested information technology entities
4 and trade and professional associations.

5 (6) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
6 term “institution of higher education” has the
7 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

9 (7) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
10 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
11 the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and
12 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

13 (8) NATIVE AMERICAN.—The term “Native
14 American” means an Indian or a Native Hawaiian,
15 as defined in section 166(b) of the Workforce Invest-
16 ment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2911(b)).

17 (9) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term “sec-
18 ondary school” has the meaning given the term in
19 section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary
20 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

21 (10) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
22 means the Secretary of Education and the Secretary
23 of Labor, acting jointly.

1 (11) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Work-
3 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801).

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